(b) Kerosene distribution within the State is controlled and monitored by the State Government.

Republication of Books By Sahitya Akademi and National Book Trust

664. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eminent Urdu poet, the late Ali Sardar Jafri did a yeoman's service to the nation by publishing Ghalib and Meer, Kabir and Mira in both Urdu and Devnagiri script in splendid volumes with his brilliant commentaries;

(b) whether the Sahitya Akademi or the National Book Trust have not taken over these works for republication before they are lost;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the chances of these classics to be brought out in other Indian languages?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Commerical publishers have taken up the publication of some of them. The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, an autonomous organisation of the Department of Culture has purchased 417 copies of the book titled "Kabir Bani" authored by Late Ali Sardar Jafri for distribution to libraries all over the country. M/s. Rajkamal Prakashan Pvt. Ltd. published this book, in the year 1999. The National Book Trust has informed that it only publishes books for the average reader on subjects of general interest and they do not publish specialized books in literature etc.

(d) The Sahitya Akademi undertakes translations of books on the recommendations of the concerned Language Advisory Board.